News You Can Use

2025 Gatherings Update

There is still time to organize a gathering for the following shows:

- **American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show**, February 27–March 1, 2025
- **Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) Coin Show**, April 11–13, 2025

These gatherings are a great way for members to connect, share knowledge, and explore our mutual interest in Southern gold coinage.

We are seeking **volunteers** to assist with organizing these events and **presenters** to lead educational programs. If you have a topic or collection you'd like to share, your participation would add tremendous value.

If you're interested in volunteering or presenting, please contact us at **contactus@southerngoldsociety.org**. Let's work together to make these gatherings a meaningful part of 2025!

Historic 1849-C Open Wreath Gold Dollar Realizes $1.56 Million at Auction

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The highly anticipated sale of the 1849-C Open Wreath gold dollar from the Bruce S. Sherman Collection proved to be a landmark event in numismatic history. On January 15, 2025, this remarkable coin, the rarest gold dollar ever struck by a U.S. Mint, sold for an impressive $1,560,000 (including the buyer's premium) at the 2025 FUN US Coins Signature Auction #1380.

Graded MS62 by PCGS, the coin is the finest known example of the elusive Open Wreath design, struck at the Charlotte Mint in the inaugural year of the gold dollar denomination. Its extraordinary rarity and pristine condition captured the attention of collectors worldwide, making it the centerpiece of the auction.

Part of the celebrated Bruce S. Sherman Collection, this sale underscores Sherman’s legacy as a numismatist dedicated to preserving history through exceptional coins. This record-breaking result not only highlights the coin’s significance but also reinforces its standing as a cornerstone of American numismatic heritage.

Writers Needed

One of the purposes of the SGS is to “enjoy each member's knowledge.” This newsletter is one of the ways this numismatic knowledge is dispersed. The frequency of the newsletter is driven by the number of submissions for publication. The editor of the SGS eNewsletter needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles should be relevant to the study of the gold coins and related history of the Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans branch mints and private minters

Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers. If you do a presentation at a gathering or other venue, consider compiling your notes into an article. Do not worry about the grammar. The editor will do the rest. Electronic manuscripts should be submitted by email to contactus@southerngoldsociety.org.

Mission Statement

The Southern Gold Society was formed to increase the enjoyment and study of Southern gold coins and related history, through an informal, relaxed mix of education and fellowship. The society is reminiscent of those of a bygone era, in which connoisseurship and a gentlemanly appreciation of Southern gold coins is the order of the day.

Purpose

- To facilitate the enjoyment and study of the gold coins and related history of the Southern branch mints (Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans) and private Southern minters (Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers).
- To enjoy each member's knowledge and friendship in an informal manner.
- To provide a relaxed, pleasant environment in which to meet during selected coin shows and other convenient events.
- To encourage the appreciation and preservation of a Southern gold coin’s original surfaces.
- To consolidate the information, resources, and talent available to enthusiasts of these historic Southern gold coins.

Annual Membership Fees

Regular $25 (January-December).

Membership for new members joining in October, November, or December extends through the next year. Checks for membership fees should be made payable to the Southern Gold Society and mailed to David Crenshaw, P.O. Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019-0004.

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